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IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gerard GIORDANO et al.

Conf. 8083

Application No. 10/088,117

Group 1634

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Examiner J. S. Sitton

Title: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED  
FROM GENES CODING FOR  
TRIMETHYLAMINE N-OXIDE REDUCTASE,  
AND USES THEREOF, ESPECIALLY FOR  
THE DETECTION OF BACTERIA

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 25, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005,  
for which the period for response has been extended one months,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 24 of this paper.